

REMARKS

This is in response to the office action dated October 1, 2008. Claims 1-14 are pending. No claim amendments have been made, and no new matter is introduced. Applicants request reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Abstract Objection

The Examiner objected to the Abstract because it is over the 150 word limit. *See* Office Action, p. 2. The Abstract has been amended above to address the Examiner's concerns. In light of the amended Abstract, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the objection to the Abstract.

Double Patenting Rejection

The Examiner provisionally rejected claims 1-14 on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-9 of previously pending U.S. Patent Application No. 10/561,096. A Notice of Express Abandonment was filed in U.S. Patent Application No. 10/561,096 on December 19, 2008, a copy of which is attached hereto. As a result, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the double patenting rejection.

The Director is authorized to charge any additional fees due by way of this Amendment, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-1090.

All of the claims remaining in the application are now clearly allowable.
Favorable consideration and a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,
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